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COMIDEASTFOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 6177

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, US

SUBJ: OJT FOR SAUDI NAVY

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MIDEASTFOR CURRENTLY PROVIDES OJT FOR SAUDI NAVY ABOARD ITS SHIPS. IN A SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING RADM CROWE, COMIDEASTFOR, AND BG AHMANN, CHUSMTM, INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF STATIONING A USN PATROL GUNBOAT AT DAMMAM FOR SAUDI NAVY OJT.

2. CHUSMTM MAKES THE FOLLOWING CASE:

(A) PRESENT OJT IS SOMEWHAT UNREALISTIC BECAUSE OJT IS CONDUCTED ON FRIGATES, WHICH ARE NOT BEING PURCHASED BY SAG.

(B) OJT IN GULF WOULD COMPLEMENT INITIAL OJT BEING CONDUCTED ON PATROL GUNBOATS WHICH ARE BEING ACQUIRED BY SAG, AT LITTLE CREEK, VA. (UNDER FMS CASE). WITHOUT SOME CONTINUITY, RSNF PERSONNEL MAY FORGET MOST OF WHAT THEY LEARNED.

(C) WITH A COST-SHARING AGREEMENT, E.G., 50 PERCENT OF COSTS REIMBURSED BY SAG, PATROL GUNBOATS COULD BE AVAILABLE TO USN FOR OJT OF OTHER GULF STATES--OMAN, UAE, KUWAIT, BAHRAIN.

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(D) COULD FAVORABLY AFFECT SAG AND BAHRAIN SUPPORT OF RETENTION  
OF COMIDEASTFOR.

3. THERE IS ONE MUTUALLY RECOGNIZED DRAWBACK TO THE IDEA--SAG  
MIGHT FIND PROPOSAL POLITICALLY OFFENSIVE AT A TIME WHEN FUTURE  
OF MIDEASTFOR IS STILL OPEN QUESTION.

4. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, WE BELIEVE USMTM'S PROPOSAL HAS MERIT  
AND OBVIOUS VALUE TO SAG. BUT BEFORE MATTER IS RAISED WITH SAG  
WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.  
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